



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

January 2021

When: 7 p.m., Jan. 20
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Speakers: Michael Shutterly video
Topics: When Man Created Coins

January presentation

The Very Very Very First Coins EVER



- Electrum Hemihekte (1/12 Stater)
- 1.16 g., struck circa 650-600 BCE

Michael Shutterly, four-time Jeopardy champ, discussed the origin of coinage in a Money Talks presentation at last year's National Money Show in Atlanta, one of the last major coin shows held before the pandemic hit.

Most of us are aware that the first coins were struck about 2,700 years ago in Asia Minor. Shutterly gives a detailed look at these first bean-shaped attempts at coinage. One tiny electrum coin (above), he said, was worth two months of food for a family.

Meeting details

The virus rages across the nation and Ohio, but the vaccine is becoming available, with shots planned for over 80s next week and people in their 70s in February.

In the meantime, we're trying to keep things as safe as possible. The building has a constant supply of fresh air, with outside vents.

Location: Oakstone gym, a newer pre-engineered metal building west of the main building's entrance.

Directions: Drive down the entrance road until you get to the front of the main building, and turn right.

Masks: Required in Ohio

Club auction

Send February lots to Steve B - sb @columbus.rr.com - by Feb. 8

Columbus Coin Show

When: Jan. 17, Feb. 21- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Makoy Center, Hilliard

Admission: CONA members get in free

IN MEMORIAM

CONA lost two very special members late last year. Karl Noreus passed away Nov. 27 and Bob Smithson died Dec. 20. Both contributed immensely to the hobby. We were all blessed to have known them.

Karl provided snacks at his own expense, became a life member two years ago and together with his late wife Lorraine had been a member of CONA for decades. He was commissioned as a naval officer during the Vietnam War era and earned a masters degree in physics from Wayne State University in 1970. He later became a leader in groups helping people deal with nervous symptoms and disorders. Among us he provided a welcome shoulder to members in need.



Bob, a resident of Lima, Ohio, joined CONA a few years ago as he took on the duties of being an ANA district representative. Bob attended club meetings throughout his district, managed club relationships with the ANA, promoted the hobby among the youth and gave presentations. At club auctions he was a steady and winning bidder on foreign coin bulk lots that he used in his YN activities.

Both gave of themselves and contributed to the fellowship that marks the club and the hobby. They will be sorely missed.

In memoriam

Bob Smithson dies at 67

LIMA — Robert A. Smithson, 67, passed away at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, at his home in Lima with his loving wife at his side.

Robert was born on May 20, 1953, in Houston, Texas, to the late Howard and Beverly (Cloud) Smithson. He grew up in Bellevue, OH. On July 6, 1999, he married Garlene L. (Depp) Smithson who survives in Lima.

Robert was a retired engineer working for Norfolk Southern Railroad and private business owner. He was a dedicated and former member of Kiwanis Club of Lima, Friends of Johnny Appleseed Park District, Friends of Georgia State Parks, National, Ohio & Georgia Bassmasters. He attended Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH, was a singer with Voices of Ohio, in the All-Ohio Youth Choir, in the Lima Symphony Chorus, the Men's Chorus in Hartwell, GA, and the First Baptist Church choir of Hartwell, GA and Lima, OH. Robert was also a state representative for the American Numismatic Association and member of CONA.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Stephanie Smithson of Lima, OH; Michele (Shannon) Bryant of Weir, TX; Jodi (Mike Delong) Stambaugh of New Haven, IN; Robert (Kendra) Smithson of Monroeville, OH; Jessica (Ken) Butter-



field of Ft. Wayne, IN; Michael (Melissa) Smithson of Lima, OH and Zachary (Yvonne) Smithson of Helena, OH; step-children: Gary Penn, Nancy Calhoun, and Robert (Charlene) Penn all of Columbus, OH; twenty-six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Rick Bressler of Sandusky, OH; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bosecker of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; brother-in-law, Terry (Marlyn) Depp of Denver, NC; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Valerie Bressler; and infant brothers, Ronald and Roger Smithson.

The family will receive friends from 2–5 p.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will follow at 5 p.m. Chaplin Herb Wilker will officiate. Burial will be in Smithson Farm Cemetery, Union, WV.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Society or donor's choice.

Arrangements handled by Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, Lima. Condolences may be expressed at www.chamberlainhuckeriede.com.

In memoriam

Karl Eric Noreus dies at 77

LIMA — Karl Eric Noreus, 77, passed away Nov. 27, 2020 (DOB December 31, 1942). Karl will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity to his coworkers and friends and will be greatly missed.

Karl is preceded in death by his parents Karl Bernard and Margaret Noreus and loving wife Lorraine Noreus of 33 years.

Karl grew up in Michigan, received his BS in physics from Wayne State University and MS from University of Michigan in 1970.

Karl graduated from the U.S Naval Officers Candidate School in 1965 and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade the follow year. He left the service in 1967.

Karl moved to DFAS Columbus in 1994 after transferring from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service in Battle Creek, MI. Karl worked as an Accounting Technician for the Vendor Pay Accounts Payable for several years before finishing his DFAS career serving as a Customer Service Representative.

Karl was an avid coin collector, aficionado of fine food, wine and scotch, travels that took him across the world, but most importantly, friendships. Karl touched everyone that crossed his path in a kind and generous manner and had a positive impact on everyone that knew him.

Karl was a member and advocate of Recovery International and volunteered/donated countless hours and money to

numerous charitable organizations. He was also a member of the Whitehall American Legion, the Central Ohio Numismatic Association (CONA) and the Hobo Nickel Society.

Based on his wishes, he was cremated by the Edwards Funeral Service. Memorials may be sent to Recovery International, PO Box 13463, Columbus, OH 43213.

Recovery International is a self-help nonprofit organization promoting positive reinforcement for mental health.



Central Ohio Numismatic Association

2021 Renewal Dues

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FAMILY (\$21) ☐

YOUTH (FREE) ☐

LIFE MEMBER (\$150) ☐

LIFE FAMILY (\$210) ☐

Please print off this form and return with your check. Also, please attach/stick a current address label on the form or write in your name, address, telephone and e-mail addresses along with the type of membership you wish for 2021. Note: If for a couple/family, please list all the names. If not indicated you will be recorded for the membership that equals the amount of your check.

If you are currently a life member, you can update address, names, and e-mail/phone numbers on the form and note your status.

Please make checks payable to CONA. You can mail to:

***CONA
P.O. Box 1561
Dublin, OH 43017***

OR to:

When I receive this form, you will get a new membership card in the mail. If you don't get a new card in a reasonable time, e-mail me at garlene42@hotmail.com so I can verify if I received the form. Thank you for being a part of this great club. Hope we can all be together soon. In the meantime, keep up with the newsletter and virtual meetings when you can. -- Garlene Smithson